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FOR: ACTING RD YOUNG IN ANKARA, FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE BOYD
IN ROME

1. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE
MECHANICS OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS INTERNATIONAL NARCOTIC
DETECTOR DOG TRAINING PROGRAMS, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS
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ARE PROVIDED.

2. DOG HANDLER COURSE: THIS COURSE, GIVEN IN THE U.S.,
IS OF 14 WEEKS DURATION AND PARALLELS THE PROGRAM GIVEN
TO U.S. CUSTOMS DOG HANDLERS. NO EXPERIENCE IN DOG HAND-
LING IS NECESSARY BUT PARTICIPANTS MUST SPEAK ENGLISH.
AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS COURSE EACH PARTICIPANT IS ASSIGNED

TWO DOGS. THE PARTICIPANT IS TRAINED TO HANDLE THESE DOGS IN VARIOUS EXERCISES INVOLVING THE CONCEALMENT OF MARIJUANA HASHISH, HEROIN AND COCAINE IN CARS, FREIGHT, BAGGAGE AND AIRCRAFT. AT SOME POINT IN THE PROGRAM THE WEAKER DOG WILL BE ELIMINATED AND, UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, THE REMAINING ANIMAL WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARTICIPANT'S COUNTRY FOR THEIR USE IN NARCOTICS INTERDI-

TION.

3. THE HANDLER COURSE IS ONLY GIVEN TWICE A YEAR WITH NO MORE THAN FOUR STUDENTS IN EACH COURSE. THE NEXT COURSE WILL BE GIVEN IN THE SPRING OF 1978. NO OFFER OF A TRAINING SLOT CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME. IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED THAT AN AGENCY SEND A PARTICIPANT TO THE HANDLER COURSE UNTIL THEY HAVE FIRST PARTICIPATED IN THE TRAINER/ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM.

4. TRAINER/ADMINISTRATOR COURSE: PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROGRAM SHOULD HAVE EXTENSIVE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN BOTH DOG HANDLING AND DOG TRAINING OR BE INVOLVED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF DOG TRAINING PROGRAM: ACTIVE OR PROPOSED. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS TRAINING IS TO EQUIP THE PARTICIPANTS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM, WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY CONSTRAINTS, TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS DOG TRAINING PROGRAM. TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THEIR PROGRAM SHOULD DRAW ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING COURSE OBJECTIVES: 1) THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TRADITIONAL DOG TRAINING METHODS AND THE METHODS EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINERS; 2) THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE WAYS U.S. CUSTOMS APPLIES ITS TRAINING METHODS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOG; 3) THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ENUMERATE THE TECHNIQUES USED BY U.S. CUSTOMS IN CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A SUCCESSFUL NARCOTICS DOG PROGRAM. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT ANIMAL PROCUREMENT, HEALTH AND VETERINARY PROGRAMS, AND BOTH DOG AND TRAINER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION METHODS; 4) FINALLY, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY THE ACQUIRED INFORMATION TO THEIR COUNTRY'S EXISTING OR PROPOSED DOG PROGRAM. THIS OBJECTIVE IS SUPPORTED BY COURSES IN METHODS OF EVALUATION OF TRAINER PROGRAMS, DOG UTILIZATION, RECORD MAINTENANCE, KENNEL MANAGEMENT, AND FIELD UNIT ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION.

5. THE TRAINER/ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM IS NORMALLY GIVEN FOUR TIMES EACH YEAR AND IS FOUR WEEKS IN LENGTH. THE

NEXT PROGRAM THAT SYRIANS COULD BE INVITED TO WOULD BEGIN
DURING LATE JANUARY, 1978.

6. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT AN AGENCY WHO IS PLANNING TO DEVELOP A DOG PROGRAM MUST, REPEAT, MUST HAVE AN EXPERIENCED, PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINER IN ITS EMPLOY. THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM REQUIRES SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE ON THE PART OF THOSE PEOPLE OPERATIONALLY INVOLVED AND UNDILUTED FINANCIAL

SUPPORT ON THE PART OF THE AGENCY'S MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS. CHRISTOPHER

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